(g) if so, what is the time limit?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Mark up on drug price

597. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is allowing 100 per cent mark up while fixing the prices of formulations based on single ingredient drugs;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that on certain formulations based on single ingredient 60 per cent mark up was allowed;

(c) what is the policy in this regard;

(d) what are the names of formulations based on single ingredient drugs where 100 per cent and 60 per cent mark ups were allowed during the year 1984 and 1985 upto 30th June;

(e) whether it is also a fact that BICP do not recommend the formulation prices;

(f) if so, who decides the prices and how much time it takes to announce the price; and

(g) whether it is also a fact that the cases of price fixation are referred to a committee; if so, the names of the members of the committee and the organisation/department each of them belong to?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Only those Category III formulations which are identified as Leaders, keeping in view the fact whether they contains single ingredients of standard composition, are allowed 100 per cent mark up. While identifying leaders the sales turnover and/or efficiency in the cost of manufacture are kept in view. Other formulations which are non-conforming are allowed a mark up of 60 per cent on the ex-factory cost.

(d) The number of formulations for which the prices are fixed or revised during the period referred to run into several hundreds and time and efforts involved in collecting the details would not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(e) to (g) Sub-Committee of the Drug Price Review Committee consisting of the representatives of the BICP, DGTD, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers works out the prices of formulations. The recommendations of the Committee are approved by the Chairman BICP and are sent to my Ministry. After the recommendations are received in the Ministry, they are examined and after taking the approval of Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, prices are fixed/revised expeditiously.

देश के विभिन्न भागों में पेट्रोल तथा डीजल का अभाव

598. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश सहित देश के विभिन्न भागों में मई, जून, 1985 से पैट्रोल तथा डीजल का जो अभाव अनुभव किया जा रहा है, उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) डीजल तथा पैट्रोल की नियमित सप्लाई सुनिश्चित करने के लिए क्या व्यवस्था की गई है ; और

(ग) मध्य प्रदेश में उक्त अवधि के दौरान डीजल तथा पैट्रोल की कालाबाजारी और मिलावट के कितने मामले पकड़े गये है ?

पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नवल किशोर शर्मा) : (क) देहाती डिपुओं के पास कम माल होने, मथुरा रिफाइनरी के अनुरक्षण के लिये बंद किये जाने, कोचीन रिफाइनरी में हड़ताल होने, उत्तर-पूर्वी क्षेत्र में बाढ़ आने, टैंक वैगनों की अपर्याप्त उपलब्धता तथा भारी वर्षा के कारण कम लोडिंग होने जैसे अनेक कारणों से मई-जून, 1985 में सारे देश में पैट्रोल तथा हाई स्पीड डीजल की कुछ समय तक के लिये कमी रही । इस में मध्य प्रदेश भी शामिल है ।

(ख) तेल उद्योग के वैकल्पिक स्रोतों से पूर्ति करके और रेलवे वैगनों के दैनिक लोडिंग तथा आवागमन को मानीटर करके मई तथा जून, 1985 की मांग को पूरा किया है ।

(ग) मई-जन, 1985 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में पैट्रोल पम्प डीलरों द्वारा आशंकित मिलावट तथा गड़बड़ी के 8 मामलों की सूचना मिली है ।

Allotmnt of LPG agencies

599. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria, if any, laid down by Government for the allotment of LPG agencies;

(b) whether Boards have been constituted for the purpose of making recommendations for giving of LPG dealerships; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the recommendations made by the Boards are accepted by the Government *in toto;* if not, what are the details of the cases in which deviations were made by Government stating the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) The criteria adopted for the allotment of LPG distributorships have already been coveyed in reply to Unstarred Question No. 261 answered on 18-3-85 in the Rajya Sabha.

(b) Yes, Sir. Four Oil Selection Boards have been constituted, one each for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Regions of the country. Each is headed by a retired Judge of the High Court and has a retired civil servant as member.

(c) The recommendations of the Oil Selection Boards are sent to and acted upon the marketing oil companies.

Contract with French firm

600. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the French firm Jenmont Schneider has signed a contract worth more than 500 million Francs with Government to supply telephone exchanges to India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a Letter of Intent has been issued on 24-6-85 to M|s. Jeumont Schneider for supply of 7500 lines of electronic PABX equipment valuing approximately 14,289,612 FF.

Price Index of drugs

601. SHRI HAYATULLA ANSARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 265 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 1985 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new drugs belonging to the same thera-